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1. The Central Secretariat of the SED has ordered that the party's Screening Commissions ("Überprüfungskommissionen") and Investigation Commissions ("Untersuchungskommissionen") in Berlin be dissolved. It is not known to source how this will apply to the Soviet Zone of Germany.
2. The work of these commissions will be taken over by Party Control Commission ("Partei-Kontroll - Kommissionen") now being formed on the Kreis, Landes-
vorstand, and Central Secretariat level. The new Partei-Kontroll-Kommissionen are not the same as the Kontrollkommissionen which were formed in the summer of 1948, and which also exist from the Kreis level up. This new move, by abolishing the Screening and Investigation Commissions, takes investigative authority out of the hands of the House Groups and City Districts in the case of the Screening Commissions and away from the City Districts in the case of the Investigating Commissions.
3. The Kreis Partei-Kontroll-Kommissionen are to be composed of a chairman ("Vorsitzender"), two members ("Mitglieder"), and two alternates ("Kandidaten"). The alternates are actually full, participating members of the commission. The Kreis commission members are to be selected and voted on by the Kreis-
vorstände during the week 27 March-2 April 1949.
4. No instructions for the work of the new commissions have as yet been received in the Kreise, but it is presumed that some information will be made available at the final meetings of the Screening and Investigating Commissions and on the occasion of turning over the files of these commissions to the new Partei-
Kontroll-Kommissionen.

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